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Sam Schuchat
California State Coastal Conservancy
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Subject: Pacifica Land Trust project to purchase and preserve 9.2 acres of open space adjacent to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Sweeney Ridge Trail entrance.

Dear Mr. Schuchat:

As you are aware, a developable 9.2 acres of property located at the end of Sneath Lane in San Bruno- owned by the City of Pacifica- is at risk of being lost from our open space network. The property is adjacent to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area Sweeney Ridge trail, and adjacent to San Francisco Watershed land, near San Andreas Lake. As a local resident, I am delighted to hear that the California Coastal Conservancy is working with the Pacifica Land Trust (PLT) to help purchase and preserve this property forever.

Water quality and the preservation of scarce open space have always been important to Bay Area Communities, especially those communities which receive their drinking water from the San Francisco watershed. This land offers protection to the hydrological integrity of the San Andreas Lake watershed. In addition, this parcel of land is key to a proposed north eastern link between the Bay Area Ridge Trail at Sweeney Ridge and the San Andreas Trail. Furthermore, this land provides valuable habitat to several endangered species including the San Francisco Garter Snake, Red-Legged Frog, and the Mission Blue butterfly.

The timeliness of this effort is critical, as the PLT's exclusive contract with the City of Pacifica, expires in January 2004. I support and encourage the California Coastal Conservancy to continue to work with the PLT towards the purchase of this valuable land, before this opportunity is lost forever.

Sincerely,

cc: Joseph Tanner, City Manager, City of Pacifica
Judy Johnson, President Pacifica Land Trust